

That Vienna III Agreement had not been honored because of those 20,000, only 500 remain.

This is the result of a systematic campaign of harassment and intimidation and continuing massive violations of their most basic human rights and freedoms, including those guaranteed by Turkey in the 1975 Vienna III Agreement.

In a hope to bring an end to the suffering of these brave people, I filed H. Con. Res. 80 last year, which today I am happy to report has 131 cosponsors.

H. Con. Res. 80 is a modest resolution simply seeking to bring attention to and thereby end the suffering of the enclaved and urging the President of the United States to undertake efforts to end the restrictions on the freedoms and human rights of the enclaved people of Cyprus.

The violations of the enclaved people's human rights and of the agreements signed by Turkey have been documented in UN reports.

The daily life for the enclaved is far from the normal life guaranteed by the international agreements. As stated in the 1999 case Cyprus vs. Turkey before the European Court of Human Rights, taken as a whole, the daily life of the Greek Cypriot in northern Cyprus is characterized by a multitude of adverse circumstances.

These adverse circumstances include: the absence of normal communication, the unavailability in practice of the Greek Cypriot press, the insufficient number of priests, the difficult choice before which parents and school children are put regarding secondary education, the restrictions and formalities applied to freedom of movement, the impossibility to preserve property rights upon departure or death and the various other restrictions create a feeling among the persons concerned of being compelled to live in a hostile environment in which it is hardly possible to lead a normal private and family life.

If these Turkish created difficulties were not enough to get these enclaved people to abandon their traditional family homes, over 80,000 Turkish settlers from the mainland have been moved to the occupied area and are living in the homes the Greek Cypriots had to flee from, in violation of international law.

The history of this military occupation is a sad history with many disappointments. Presently, thanks to the efforts of the United Nations and others in the international community, the two sides are in their second round of negotiations.

My heart is full of hope that these talks find the breakthrough that all the previous talk did not find. But I believe that our Administration must do all it can to show the Turkish side that the settlement of this conflict is a high priority.

Moreover, that the plight of the enclaved will not be tolerated any longer and it must be known that Turkey's attitude toward the plight of the enclaved will affect the United States attitude towards Turkey.

The recent improved relations between Greece and Turkey does give us cause for hope but that is no reason to hold back our earnest desire that the Cyprus dispute be finally ended and that the island and its people no longer be divided.

I believe that this is a time for pressure on both sides but mostly the Turkish side. I hope our Administration plays its part during these

negotiations. As for us here in Congress, I know we will continue to do our part to help the cause of freedom and justice for the enclaved people of Cyprus.

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RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 45 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 10 a.m.

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PRAYER

The Reverend Glen Warner, Pastor, Second Congregational United Church of Christ, Ashtabula, Ohio, offered the following prayer:

The Lord is my light, and my salvation.

Whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life.

Of whom then shall I be afraid?

Faithful, Father God, Creator of all mighty galaxies and human hearts;

May our work be worship today as minds and hearts are newly formed by Your creating spirit. We do not seek to change Your mind, but to open ours.

May common sense prevail! We thank You for the brilliance and the passion of America! Forbid that we settle today for shallow sentiments of the merely secular or values faded into pale pastel shades! Forgive our diminished expectations.

Almighty God! By Your spirit save us from ourselves and the misuse of all the good and perfect gifts we have received from Your hand! And all God's people said, Amen.

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THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. LAMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LAMPSON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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WELCOME TO THE REV. GLEN W. WARNER

(Mr. LATOURETTE asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to welcome the Reverend Glen W. Warner as our guest chaplain today. Glen is the Pastor of the Second Congregational United Church of Christ in Ashtabula, Ohio, a post that he has held for the last 3 years.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Glen and his wife Nancy and their wonderful family for the past 6 years. Their generosity in time and spirit is well known in our community. Churches, children's services, and philanthropic causes of all stripes have benefited from Glen and Nancy's involvement. Glen was actually the Republican candidate for the seat that I have the pleasure of holding in 1982.

Glen is also blessed with an endearing sense of humor. According to a newspaper account heralding his visit here, Glen was asked what he planned to incorporate into his morning prayer with us this morning. I will quote: "Warner said he has talked to several Ashtabulans, seeking their opinion as to what he should mention in his prayer. One woman's suggestion that Warner pray for a Democratic majority obviously didn't make the cut."

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to welcome Glen to the House this morning and thank him for his service.

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SECURITY LEAKS

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, our national security is serious business. The American people have a right to know that we are safeguarding our defense secrets well. But the Clinton-Gore administration has botched the job. A suspected spy was allowed access to critical secrets in Los Alamos for 17 months after FBI Director Freeh advised the administration he should be removed from classified areas.

Between November of 1997 and November of 1998, 191 supercomputers were shipped to Communist China. Only one was checked by the administration to make sure it was not being used for weapons development.

In 1996, the Loral Corporation was found by the Department of Defense to have damaged our national security by sending critical missile technologies to the Chinese, but the administration went ahead and had them keep launching missiles in China, ignoring DOD's recommendations. I might add, the CEO of this company gives \$1 million a year to the Democratic National Committee.

In June we found out that hard drives containing secret nuclear data were missing for a month before even anyone noticed.

Mr. Speaker, we have a security problem in this administration. It needs to be addressed immediately.

INTERNATIONAL ABDUCTION

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about Katherine Nevin Caner, who was taken by her noncustodial father, Mr. Muzaffer Caner, on May 15, 1998.

At the time of the abduction, Katherine was 12 years old and living with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Paladini. At the age of 6, Katherine had been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor that impairs the parts of the brain that control the involuntary muscles and functions such as heartbeat, breathing, and thought processes. The ailments Katherine is suffering from include brain cancer, pulmonary fibrosis, psychosis, and dementia.

Both Katherine and Mr. Caner, the abductor, are believed to be in Turkey, and an Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution was issued on May 20, 1998.

Mr. Speaker, Katherine's mother has not had contact with her since her abduction 2 years ago. She has no idea if Katherine is receiving the proper medical care or how she is being treated.

This is an issue that affects 10,000 American children and their families. This House should make sure that the most sacred of bonds, that between a parent and a child, is preserved. We must bring our children home.

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CONTINUED NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, one of the greatest responsibilities our government has to the American people is to protect the national security interests of our great Nation. Unfortunately, over the past year evidence has shown that the Clinton-Gore administration has maintained a lax, even negligent, national security policy with regard to China.

Get this, the administration has now permitted defense contractors and computer companies to hire hundreds of Chinese technicians to work on highly sensitive and classified military-related technologies.

Not only to me, but to the American people and to top officials in the Pentagon, it is obvious why China is sending to the U.S. their most highly educated and motivated professionals. China is continuing its efforts to obtain U.S. military secrets and technology by any means, legal or illegal. This breakdown of American national security is beyond belief and must stop.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the administration's careless disregard for a country's most sensitive and classified technology which continues to jeopardize the U.S. national security every day.

IS THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE SUMMIT REALLY ABOUT AMERICAN DOLLARS?

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, leaders Barak and Arafat and President Clinton have been discussing peace in the Middle East for days. But something does not add up to me. Are they discussing peace, or dollars?

Reports now say that American taxpayers may be asked to cough up more than \$40 billion to get this agreement signed. Unbelievable. What started out as a peace agreement has turned into a sort of dial for dollars lottery. What is next, Monty Hall?

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. Dollars never have nor ever will result in a lasting peace. I yield back the fact that we already spend \$20 billion every year in grants, loans, and aid in the Middle East. Think about that.

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REPUBLICAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, when the American people talk, Congress listen. Thousands of our Nation's seniors asked for relief from rising prescription drug prices. We worked to create a bipartisan plan that is voluntary, affordable, and available to all. We passed it through the House.

When married couples came to us in droves, shocked by the fact that the Federal government taxes them at a greater rate, we did something about it. The House passed legislation earlier this year, and will pass it again tomorrow, to lessen the impact of the marriage penalty by increasing the standard deduction for married couples, expanding the 15 percent tax bracket for joint filers, and increasing the earned income tax credit.

When small business owners and family farmers from Oregon to North Carolina came to us and asked for relief from the devastating inheritance tax, we began efforts to repeal it.

Mr. Speaker, we are committed to providing relief to the American people.

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GUN SAFETY

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, every day the Republican leadership wastes not taking action on gun safety, 12 to 13 children die as a result of gun violence. That is 13 children gone forever. This is not a game, this is about our children's lives.

Yesterday a 13-year-old boy fired a gun in a cafeteria at his middle school

in Seattle. How many more children's lives need to be jeopardized before this Congress acts?

Our children need safety locks on guns, they need effective background checks, and they need the NRA to loosen its grip on the Republican leadership. They need all of this now; not tomorrow, not next year, now.

With just 2 weeks before the August recess, I urge my Republican colleagues, stop playing politics with our children's lives. Start working on a meaningful gun legislation package. Our children's lives depend on it.

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"PORKER OF THE WEEK" AWARD

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, the United Nations is at it again. One of the most wasteful organizations in the world acknowledged last week that its 38,000 peacekeeping troops are spreading the AIDS virus. Its solution to the problem is not to restrict them to the base or discipline inappropriate behavior, or something that actually might work. No, their solution is to distribute one free condom per day to each troop, courtesy of the American taxpayer.

The United States contributes 25 percent to the U.N. peacekeeping budget. The money is supposed to be for troops, equipment, and peacekeeping efforts. Yet, the U.N. spends a portion of the money on condoms. Is this part of the U.N. uniform: A helmet, flak jacket, canteen, rifle, and condom?

Give me a break. By my estimate, each condom costs approximately 20 cents. Multiply this by 38,000 troops per day and we are talking about an annual condom fund of \$2.7 million. What makes them think that troops engaging in irresponsible behavior are responsible enough to use the condoms? The U.N. peacekeepers are supposed to protect, not infect. The U.N. gets my "porker of the week" award.

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MARRIAGE PENALTY

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we are considering another tax cutting scheme aimed at benefiting only the wealthiest Americans and does little to help the working families in my district. The scheme we are looking at now will benefit 5 percent of the wealthiest Americans with 60 percent of the tax cuts.

The Republican plan is fiscally irresponsible that could lead to higher interest rates and force huge deficits or tax increases on our children and our grandchildren.

Everybody wants a tax cut. I would like to see it particularly around April